

February 23, 1978

LB 407, 407 A, 541,
807, 930, 936

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 807 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, "Shall LB 807 pass with the emergency clause attached?" All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote taken. See pages 879 and 880 of the Journal.) 41 ayes, 1 nay, 7 not voting.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: LB 807 passes with the emergency clause attached. That will conclude Final Reading for today.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports that we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 930 and recommend that same be placed on Select File, 936 placed on Select File, 407 placed on Select File with amendments and 407 A placed on Select File.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: We will then proceed with item number seven on the agenda, Special Order, for one hour only. It means we will go until 11:05 beginning with LB 541.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 541.) The bill was first read on April 22, 1977. It was referred to the Military, Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 541 be advanced to E & R Initial. As indicated by the title the proposed legislation as introduced by the Committee and heard by the Appropriations Committee and heard by the Government Committee, it adjusts the salaries of the state constitutional officers, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer and Lieutenant Governor. As indicated on the sheet the Attorney General would go from currently \$32,500 to \$39,500. There is a typo, I think, on the Committee report there and each of the other four officers go from \$25,000 to \$32,000, the increase to take effect upon January of 1979 when the new terms for the offices would take effect. As you will recall the last adjustment was made, I believe, took effect four years ago. If adjustment is not made at this time since salaries cannot be adjusted during the term of office, they could not be adjusted until 1982. You will also recall that year before last we adjusted the salaries for the office of Governor up to \$40,000 but at that time none of the other constitutional offices were considered. With that explanation, Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Any further discussion on LB 541. Amendment on the desk. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Frank Lewis moves to amend LB 541 by, I assume, increasing the Lieutenant Governor's salary to \$35,000.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: ...35. Let me tell you what the amendment says, Mr. President, and members of this body. I offer this in a spirit of concern about some of my colleagues. This strikes \$32,000 and inserts \$35,000 for the Lieutenant Governor. I offer this in a nonpartisan way. I offer this as a noncandidate. First of all I offer it on behalf of the Republicans because there are so many of our colleagues in

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